

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

ABSTRACT

For processing flat objects (10), in particular for packing printed products or small groups thereof, using a continuous packing material, the objects are conveyed in a conveying stream in which they are arranged in succession and essentially parallel to the conveying direction, and possibly between two layers of packing material, along a part of the periphery of a processing drum (1). The processing drum (1) ~~comprises~~ has axially extending support elements (2) and tool elements (3) regularly alternating around its periphery. A, ~~the radial position of the supporting and tool~~ said elements being is adjustable, e.g. for an adaptation to accommodate to varying formats of the objects to be processed. The processing drum ~~further comprises also~~ includes a pressing belt (4) extending from an entry point (A) to an exit point (B) on the drum periphery and holding and pressing the objects being conveyed on the drum periphery against the tool elements. To render further adjustments unnecessary when the radial position of the support and tool elements is changed, the pressing belt (4) is arranged ~~in such a way that it is able to~~ guide the objects on to and/or off the periphery of the processing drum.

(Fig. 1)